Apple and Pear Export Charge Collection Bill 1976

Introduced by the Minister for Primary Industry, Hon. I. Sinclair, House of Representatives, 18 November, 1976.

Brief Digest of Bill

Purpose

– To provide for the collection of the charge on exports of apples and pears to be imposed by the proposed Apple and Pear Export Charge Act.

Related Legislation:

See Digest for Apple and Pear Levy Bill.

Provisions

To facilitate collection of the charge, this Bill provides for export agents to be responsible for the payment of the charge on fruit they handle, but empowers them to recover the charge from growers. (clause 5)

The Bill also makes provision for due date for payment (clause 4), penalties for non-payment (clause 6), and offences (clause 8), access of collectors to inspect records (clause 9).

Other matters relating to the collection of the levy may be prescribed by regulations (clause 11).

Where the domestic levy has been paid on fruit that is actually then exported, the payment of the levy may be deemed to go towards payment of the export charge. (clause 10).